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Docket No. KY-172

Response to Ex Parte Quayle Action dated January 24, 2007

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to Figs. 4 and 5. The sheets which include Figs. 4 and 5, replace the original sheets including Figs. 4 and 5. In Figs. 4 and 5, the legend "Prior Art" has been added.

Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs. 4 and 5)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Pending Claims

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. Claim 10 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Drawings

Figures 4 and 5 have been objected to because they should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated.

Figures 4 and 5 have been corrected to show the legend --Prior Art-- in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Specification

The specification has been objected to because of minor informalities. The specification has been amended in order to overcome the objection.

Claim Objections

Claim 10 has been objected to because of a minor informality. Claim 10 has been amended in order to overcome the claim objection.

It is believed that claim 10 is now in condition for allowance.

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Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-12.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith that includes foreign reference JP-H04-20016A, which was cited by the Japanese patent Examiner in the corresponding Japanese patent application. An English language abstract accompanies the submission and forms the statement of relevance that is required. The corresponding Japanese patent application was granted as a patent on March 17, 2006.

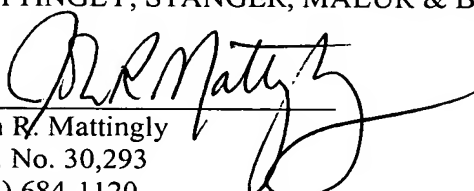
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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